

Fiscal Estimate — 2009 Session

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<input type="checkbox"/> Corrected	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental	Bill Number	Administrative Rule Number ER-35-10 and ER-37-10 (E)

Subject

Revisions to add cave bats to the Wisconsin endangered and threatened species list.

Fiscal Effect

State: ☐ No State Fiscal Effect

☒ Indeterminate

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation
or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

☐ Increase Existing Appropriation

☐ Increase Existing Revenues

☐ Decrease Existing Appropriation

☐ Decrease Existing Revenues

☐ Create New Appropriation

☒ Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb
within agency's budget.

☒ Yes ☐ No

☐ Decrease Costs

Local: ☐ No Local Government Costs

☒ Indeterminate

1. ☒ Increase Costs

☒ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

2. ☐ Decrease Costs

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

3. ☐ Increase Revenues

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

4. ☐ Decrease Revenues

☐ Permissive ☐ Mandatory

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:

☒ Towns ☒ Villages ☒ Cities

☒ Counties ☐ Others

☐ School Districts ☐ WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected

☐ GPR ☐ FED ☐ PRO ☐ PRS ☐ SEG ☐ SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Rule Summary: The proposed rule package amends Ch. NR 27, Wis. Adm. Code to add four species of bats to the endangered and threatened species list. This addition to the invasives list is being proposed as both an emergency rule, ER-37-10 (E), and a permanent rule, ER-35-10.

State Fiscal Estimate:

The proposed rule package will require time by DNR staff to prepare the rule and administer rule hearings. Endangered Resources review staff will likely see an increase in time associated with the listing of bats. There will be an increase in the time associated with incidental take permits. It is assumed there will not be a significant increase in staff time, and that this time can be covered by existing appropriations. Staff at the Public Service Commission and the Office of Energy will see an increase in staff time associated with issues surrounding bats and wind farms. These agencies will also see an increase in time associated with incidental permits. It is assumed there will not be a significant increase in staff's time at these agencies.

Local Fiscal Estimate:

It is assumed there will be minimal cost increases to local governments as a result of this rule change. As an example of these minimal costs, local public works departments will need to distribute new local construction permits to include the listing of bats.

Private Fiscal Impacts:

It is assumed the Department will be issuing a broad incidental take permit associated with the listing. Many private companies such as pest control operators and construction companies will be covered under this broad incident take permit. The impact to wind farms will be determined by the location. Depending on the impact to bats, wind farms may be required to report damages to bats or to perform a determined mitigation.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate – Continued

Private Fiscal Impacts – Continued: It is assumed the impact to farmers of this rule change will be positive; especially, in light of the fact that if bat populations in the state were to be devastated, the costs to agriculture from pest destruction and pesticide use would increase.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet — 2009 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal Impact on State Funds from:	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category			
State Operations — Salaries and Fringes		\$	\$ -
(FTE Position Changes)		(FTE)	(FTE)
State Operations — Other Costs			-
Local Assistance			-
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			-
Total State Costs by Category		\$	\$ -
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR		\$	\$ -
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
State Revenues	Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)	Increased Revenue	Decreased Revenue
GPR Taxes		\$	\$ -
GPR Earned			-
FED			-
PRO/PRS			-
SEG/SEG-S			-
Total State Revenues		\$	\$ -

Net Annualized Fiscal Impact

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Net Change in Costs	\$	\$
Net Change in Revenues	\$	\$
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